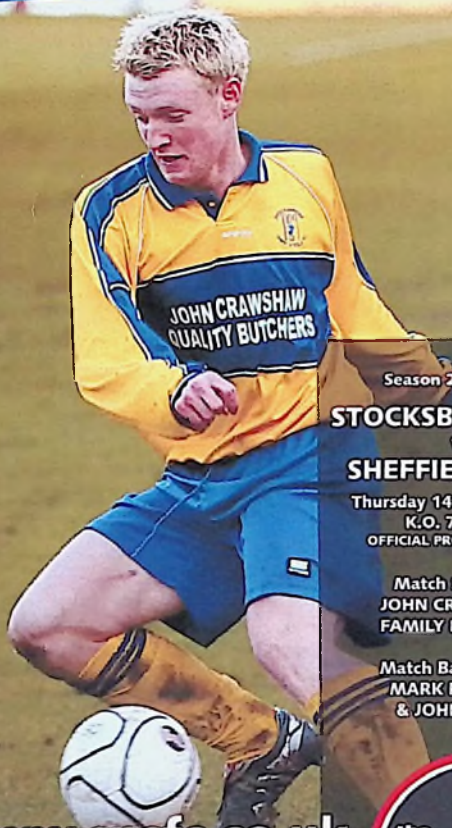


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Good Evening, we welcome the players, management and supporters of Sheffield Wednesday to Bracken Moor. This is the first game of the new season against and we are very fortunate to be entertaining such illustrious opponents as Sheffield Wednesday. They are the first of our pre-season friendly opponents we also have Rotherham United, Halifax Town and Sheffield United coming to Bracken Moor.

We should first of all congratulate Sheffield Wednesday on their promotion last season after a memorable game at Cardiff. I should also like to wish them all the best for the coming season.

Steels finished just below half way last season, which was a reasonable performance. The start we had was good but a bad mid-season with not a lot of luck and a lot of injuries saw us down near the bottom. But players coming back from injury gave us a better finish to the season and a points total just above fifty points.

In the next couple of weeks we should be making a few more signings to hopefully give us a stronger squad than last season.

All we can hope for is a relatively injury free season and then hopefully we will be in a position to challenge for promotion as we were doing at the start of last season.

The three teams promoted last season from our division were North Ferriby United, Ilkeston Town and Telford United. the latter two were expected to be in the shake up at the end of the season. North Ferriby were the surprise package and show what can be done with not a lot of money to throw about. Let's hope we can emulate them this coming season.

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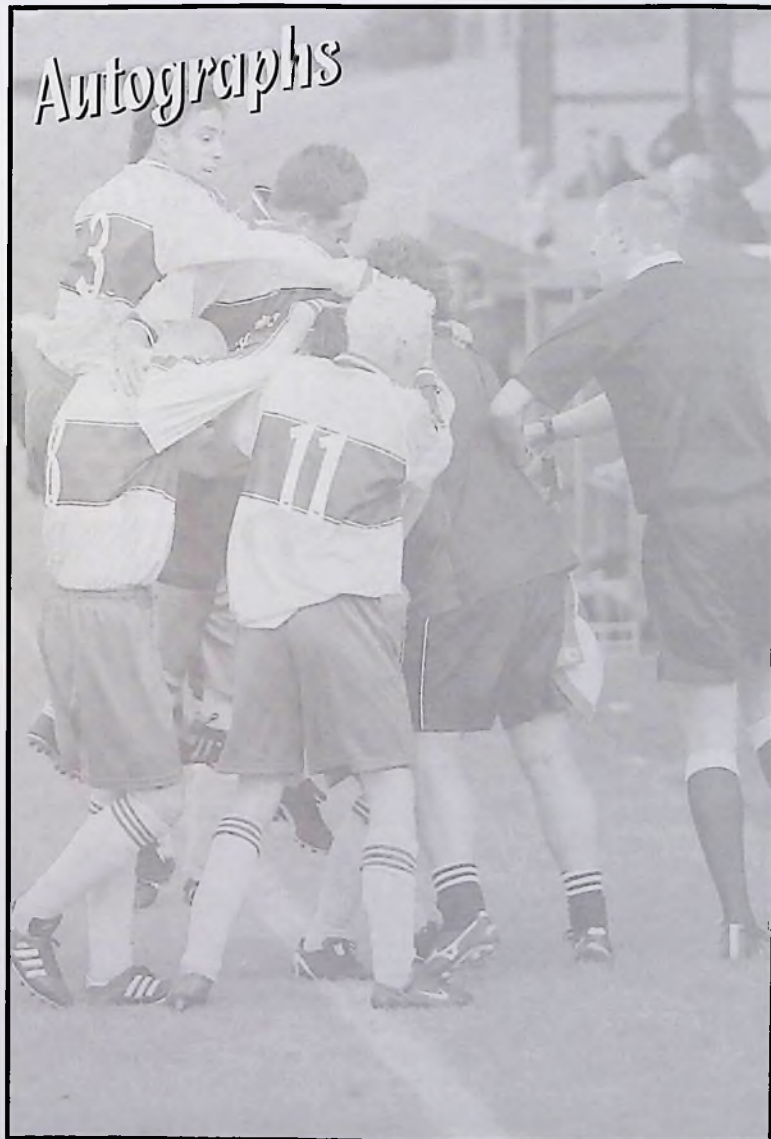
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KIDSGROVE INVITE PLENTY OF NEWCOMERS

Anthony Buckle, joint-manager of UniBond League First Division club Kidsgrove Athletic, admits the departure of ace striker Andy Kinsey has left "a massive gap to fill."

Kinsey has decided to test himself at the next level of UniBond Premier with neighbours Leek Town and Buckle said: "He has the ability to succeed if he can sort his temperament out."

Kinsey is no stranger to red cards and served two bans which took a chunk out of last season. Nevertheless, he still came up with twenty-four goals as 'Grove confounded the critics by finishing in mid-table and winning the Chairman's Cup.

Buckle said: "Had he not missed so many games Andy would surely have topped the thirty goals mark. His record was bound to attract attention and we were aware there was interest from two clubs before the end of the season. "He came to me and said he was going back to Alsager Town (Kinsey had scored 24 goals for Alsager the previous season). I was a bit disappointed with that decision because he was stepping down a league, but Andy had a change of mind. He told me he would like to stay with Kidsgrove and duly signed a form.

"The next thing that happened was we had a seven-day approach from Leek. "I did not want to lose Andy, but I could not stop him speaking to Leek and he told me he wanted to give it a go with them. "I have no qualms about that because he is going to a higher standard and, while we will obviously miss him, we wish him well. He will be welcomed back if it does not work out." Kidsgrove will now scour the local scene in search of a replacement.

Buckle has inquired about Leek CSOB's prolific scorer Alan Nagington, but he is under contract. Ex-Kidsgrove man Dave Shaw has also been mentioned, but he is going on trial with Nationwide North outfit Lancaster City. Buckle said: "We have invited twenty-four players to training, including JP Jones from neighbouring Stone Dominoes, Ashley Miller, formerly with Newcastle Town, Mark Orpe (Hanley Town) and Simon Robinson, who was released by Port Vale at the back end of last season, while Andy Thomas has returned to us from Woodley Sports."

SMITH FOLLOWS WELL-WORN TRAIL TO OSSETT

Steve Richards, manager of UniBond League Premier Division club Ossett Town, has followed up the three signings made last week with another experienced campaigner arriving at Ingfield.

Defender Neil Allison and striker Andy Hayward were signed earlier this month from Gainsborough Trinity and Stalybridge Celtic respectively and now Richards has also signed 25-year-old midfielder Carl Smith from Stocksbridge Park Steels.

Smith (pictured), who hails from Sheffield, began his career with Burnley where he graduated from the youth ranks to make eleven Football League appearances, ten of them coming in 1998/9 before being released and joining Workson Town.

He moved to Gainsborough Trinity in the summer of 2003 where he was re-united with former Workson boss Paul Mitchell and then re-joined ex-Tigers assistant-manager Peter Rinkcavage at Stocksbridge last January.



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LEAGUE NEWS

CARNEY SIGNS FOR NAILERS

Pre-season training has begun in earnest and with it speculation on whom will be appearing for UniBond League First Division club Belper Town this season.

Andy Carney, the former Stocksbridge Park Steels and Ossett Albion goalkeeper, has pledged his immediate future to Belper, and Jamie Walker, son of manager Ernie Moss' former Chesterfield striking partner, has also signed after spells at Rossington Main and Frickley Athletic together with central midfielder or defender Asa Ingall from Ossett Albion.

From last year's squad Rudi Coleano, Joe and Sam Carter, Micky Allsop, Sean Gummer and Andy Rushbury are all on board for the coming season, whilst skipper Danny Hudson signed a new contract a few weeks ago.

Moss has been particularly pleased to secure the signatures of some of last season's under-19 players in whom he has seen potential. "I was impressed with four or five of last season's squad", explained Moss. "With the right coaching and handling they could make significant contributions to the club over the coming season."

On the debit side Moss could be faced with the loss of at least four players from last year's squad with top scorer Ben Walker opting to go to Stocksbridge Park Steels, Ryan Ludlam moving to Ilkeston Town, Anthony Danylyk switching back to Leek Town, while Chris Peet has signed for his local club Arnold Town.

Moss added: "We have been working hard over the close season to attract the right calibre of player to Belper the sort who will fit in both off and on the field.

"It took us two or three years to build a promotion winning side at Matlock Town and although we want success quickly at Belper, I ask for supporters' patience and understanding as our new squad blends together."

TRAVELLING FORCES KENNEDY TO LOOK ELSEWHERE

Inspirational defender or midfielder Steve Kennedy has decided not to re-sign for UniBond League Premier Division club Frickley Athletic for the coming campaign.

Kennedy has decided to leave due to the amount of travelling from his home near Alfreton.

Kennedy enjoyed a long spell with Belper Town from October 1994, when he signed from Worksop Town, until eventually moving to Frickley exactly ten years later.

He started out as a professional with Sheffield United before moving into non-League football and won numerous accolades whilst with the Nailers and was awarded a testimonial in 2003/04 as a reward for his loyal service.

He is reported to be having talks with Gresley Rovers, former club Belper and Northern Counties East League sides Arnold Town and Sutton Town.

EX-MOORS JOIN WHITBY

UniBond League Premier Division club Whitby Town have raided former rivals Spennymoor United with two signings ahead of Saturday's opening friendly at Bridlington Town.

21-year-old Whitby-born striker Tommy Raw joins influential midfielder Andrew Brown at the Turnbull Ground.

Raw signed full-time forms for Scarborough in October 2002 after graduating from the club's youth scheme.

He spent much of 2003/04 out on loan with a variety of clubs before signing for Spennymoor in August 2004.

Formerly with Marske United and Northallerton Town, Brown is a midfielder who signed for the Moors from Gutsborough Town in the summer of 2003.

Whitby manager David Logan is still running the rule over three of four prospective signings, but has remained tight-lipped over their identities.

SHEFFIELD Wednesday

Graeme Lee

Graeme joined the Owls on a free transfer in July 2003 after helping his previous club Hartlepool to promotion from Division Three.

He quickly settled into the Wednesday side in his first Hillsborough campaign, impressing supporters with his commanding performances at the heart of defence and also weighing in with five goals.

The Middlesbrough product is a towering centre back whose dominance in the air is effective in both penalty areas. He is tough in the tackle and also poses a threat from set piece situations with his powerful long distance shooting.

Lee signed professional forms with Hartlepool in 1996 after developing in their youth system. After making his debut towards the end of the 1995-96 campaign, he secured a regular spot in the Pools side and his solid form attracted the attention of a number of high profile clubs before SWFC snapped him up.



Steven Maclean

Wednesday beat off competition from a number of clubs to secure Steven's services when he joined from Glasgow Rangers for an undisclosed fee in July 2004. He had a superb first term in which he was voted the EAD Solicitors' Player of the Year after becoming the first Owl to score 20 goals in a season for 11 years.



The Edinburgh product is a frontman who is adept at getting on the end of chances in and around the penalty area and can also link up play between midfield and the forward line.

He got off the mark at Torquay United in August from the penalty spot, the first of seven successful conversions. His goalscoring lifted the Owls into the play-off spots and included a hat-trick in the South Yorkshire derby win at Doncaster Rovers and a double at Chesterfield in February. He had been an ever-present until picking up a stress fracture in March which looked to have ruled the striker out for the season.

However Paul Sturrock had a trick up his sleeve come the play-off final against Hartlepool United, with MacLean named on the bench in a shock move after a speedy recovery. He was brought on with the Owls 2-1 down 13 minutes from time and struck from the spot within five minutes, taking his tally to 20, setting Wednesday up to roar back and claim promotion.

He moved south to S6 after a highly successful loan spell with Scunthorpe United in 2003-04. The Scot fired 25 goals for the Iron to top the Division Three scoring charts during his year at Glanford Park, with his tally including three hat-tricks. The Edinburgh product came through the ranks at Rangers before appearing in their first team and has represented Scotland at under-21 level.

Craig Rocastle

Wednesday from Chelsea on a free transfer in February 2005, bolstering the Owls' midfield department.

He signed a two-and-a-half year deal at Hillsborough and made an important contribution over the last third of the season. He made his debut against Bradford City and was regularly involved over the rest of the term although minor knocks occasionally forced him out of action.

The Londoner netted his first goal against Blackpool in March and produced impressive performances to help the Owls seal promotion via the play-offs, bringing energy and strong running to the engine room.

During his time at Stamford Bridge Rocastle gained experience during loan spells at Barnsley, Lincoln City and Hibernian, spending the bulk of the opening half of 2004-05 north of the border at Easter Road.



Unibond LEAGUE NEWS

SHEFFIELD In town today **Wednesday**

Lee Peacock

Lee put pen to paper on a two-year contract at Hillsborough in July 2004, joining on a free transfer from Bristol City. His first term at Hillsborough was disrupted by injury as an ankle problem restricted his appearances, though he showed what he was capable of when fit.

The frontman was heavily involved in the first ten games of the season, scoring at Torquay United and in the Carling Cup tie with Walsall during August, but suffered time on the sidelines before returning in December. He enjoyed a run in the starting line-up through February and March, scoring at Chesterfield and netting a brace at Brentford the following weekend.

Peacock's past experience of the play-offs was an asset as the Owls achieved promotion via that route. He headed home a fine opener in the second leg against Brentford and played an important part from the start of the play-off final win over Hartlepool United.

The Scot poses a major aerial threat whilst his strength allows him to hold the ball up in attack. He started his career with Carlisle United, moving on to Mansfield in 1997 before joining Manchester City two years later. He went on to net 63 goals in four seasons at Bristol City before switching to Sheffield 6.

Drew Talbot

Drew had a dream introduction to senior football in 2004-05, little over a year after he was plucked from non-league football by the Owls.

The wiry forward was on the books of his hometown club Barnsley as a youngster but drifted away from the professional scene to play for Dodworth Miners Welfare before Owls coach Mark Smith, aware of his abilities from his time at Oakwell, helped SWFC track him down and bring him to Hillsborough. After impressing in the reserves, Talbot made his debut as a substitute at Peterborough United in October and his full bow came against Swindon Town in the FA Cup the following month.

Paul Sturrock regularly opted to name him as a substitute, using his lightning pace and intelligent running to provide a threat in the late stages of games. The teenager struck his first goal against Doncaster Rovers in March before hitting a brace against Blackpool a week later. In a rare start at Hull City he scored the opening goal as SWFC clinched a play-off place before coming off the bench to score the goal that made sure of promotion in the play-off final against Hartlepool United.

Chris Adamson

Chris initially joined the Owls on a short-term deal in January 2005, before going on to pen a two-year contract in July that year.

He made his Wednesday bow in a victory over Blackpool in March 2005 after replacing the injured David Lucas and was between the sticks for the following game at Colchester United.

The 26-year-old stopper had already played under Paul Sturrock before, having spent a loan spell at Plymouth during the SWFC boss' time in charge of the Pilgrims.

Ashington-born, Adamson started his career with West Bromwich Albion in 1997 and also had loan spells with Mansfield Town and Halifax Town during his six years at the Hawthorns. He left WBA to cross the Irish Sea and join St Patricks, with whom he spent two years before returning to England with Wednesday.



SHEFFIELD In town today **Wednesday**

Lee Bullen

Lee joined the Owls on a free transfer from Dunfermline Athletic in July 2004 and was an ever-present during the 2004-05 league campaign, which finished with him captaining Wednesday to promotion.

The Scot missed only one match all season - the FA Cup defeat at Swindon Town - and quickly got off the mark after joining SWFC by netting at Blackpool in his second game. His versatility shone through from the off as he operated both at right back and centre half, while his eye for goal with goals in three consecutive October games against Peterborough United, Bradford City and Swindon.

Bullen also took the captain's armband when Chris Marsden was injured, becoming full-time skipper when Marsden retired. He scored in successive games against Brentford and Doncaster Rovers and also lashed in a spectacular strike against Torquay United to take his tally to seven for a season which ended with him lifting the play-off winners trophy at the Millennium Stadium.

Bullen started his professional career at Meadowbank Thistle before going on to ply his trade in the Australian, Hong Kong and Greek leagues. He was a popular figure in his time at Dunfermline, scoring 24 goals in 151 Pairs' games and also figuring in their 2003-04 Scottish Cup final meeting with Celtic.



Patrick Collins

Patrick signed a two-year deal at Hillsborough in July 2004 after impressing during a trial spell at S6 towards the end of the 2003-04 campaign.

The former Sunderland defender gained plenty of experience in his first season at senior level, amassing a total of 33 appearances and operating both at right back and centre half. He made his debut in the opening day clash with Colchester United and started the first 25 games of the term, scoring his first professional goal in the November win at Bristol City.

The athletic north-easterner found appearances more thin on the ground after the turn of the year, but he returned to the fold late on to help the Owls' bid for promotion and made a crucial contribution after coming on as a substitute in the play-off final.

Collins represented England 15 times at youth level, scoring for the under-17 team on his first outing against Portugal - in which he was deployed to mark Manchester United star Cristiano Ronaldo.



Drissa Diallo

Drissa made the move to Hillsborough in July 2005, switching from Ipswich Town on a free transfer. The 32-year-old had spent two years with the Portman Road outfit, during which he racked up 49 appearances.

A Guinea international who was born in Mauritania, he came into English football with Burnley after crossing the channel from Belgian club Mechelen in 2003. He made 18 Clarets appearances before travelling east to Ipswich.

Diallo is a powerful, strong-tackling defender who normally operates in the centre of the rearguard, though he can also play at full-back.

SHEFFIELD In town today Wednesday

Barry Corr

Barry joined the Owls in April 2005 from Yorkshire rivals Leeds United, after impressing during a trial period at Hillsborough.

He had spent four years at Elland Road, during which time he earned youth honours for the Republic of Ireland.

The 20-year-old stands 6'3", making him a threat in the air and also possesses a good touch. Paul Sturrock sees the Irishman as a player for the future, an exciting talent to be developed.



Richard Evans

fitness from a cruciate ligament injury which ruled him out of the majority of the 2003-04 campaign.

Richard joined SWFC on a free transfer from Birmingham in a March 2003 transfer deadline day deal, having caught the eye in action for the Blues Reserves at Hillsborough days earlier. He made his league debut against Watford and claimed his maiden goal in the 7-2 win at Burnley in April 2003.

Evans is a traditional wideman who operates down the left flank and poses danger due to his pace, tricky skills and fine crossing ability. Cardiff-born, he came through the Birmingham Academy to sign professional forms at St Andrews and is also involved in the Wales Under-21 set-up, having been placed on stand-by prior to becoming an Owl.



Paul Heckingbottom

Paul was recruited on a free transfer from Bradford City in May 2004 and racked up 42 appearances as the Owls gained promotion. He opened his Wednesday account on only his second appearance at Torquay United but was sidelined through much of September and October with a hip problem. He regained his place on recovering and went on to miss only three more games over the rest of the season.

The full-back proved useful in the goalscoring department, finding the target in the January win over Wrexham before heading an injury-time equaliser at Bournemouth. He also struck a crucial winner in the February victory over Peterborough United that helped Wednesday along the way to clinching their play-off spot.

Paul started out as a trainee at Manchester United before moving on to Sunderland, making his league bow during a loan spell with Scarborough in 1997. The Barnsley product also had temporary spells at Hartlepool United and Darlington, joining the latter on a permanent basis in 1999. He moved on to Norwich City in 2002, joining Bradford after a season at Carrow Road and winning the Bantams' 2003-04 Player of the Year award.



John Hills

John moved to Wednesday from Gillingham in June 2005 on a free transfer. The 27-year-old is capable of operating either in defence or in a midfield role on the left flank where his hunger for getting forward and supporting the attack is an asset to the side.

Blackpool-born, Hills began his career with his hometown club as a trainee before moving to Everton in 1995. He spent over two years at Goodison Park before returning to Blackpool after two loan spells at Swansea City. John made 184 appearances for the Seasiders prior to his 2003 switch to Gillingham, for whom he made 57 outings.

SHEFFIELD In town today Wednesday

Sheffield Wednesday is one of the oldest football clubs in the world having been formed on 4th September 1867. The origins of the club are from a cricket club which played in the summer months. Wishing to keep its players together through the winter months, the football club was set up and its meeting days were on Wednesdays. Soon, the Wednesday Football Club became the dominant sport for its members. The prefix 'Sheffield' was not added until 1929.

The club turned professional in 1887 and began to play its games at the Olive Grove ground. It joined the Football League in 1892 and won its first major honour, the FA Cup in 1896 when they beat Wolves 2-1.

Wednesday's original nickname was the Blades (now Sheffield United's nickname) but they became the Owls following a move to a new ground in the OWLerton district of Sheffield.

They won the first division title in 1903 and 1904 and the FA Cup again in 1907 when they beat Everton 2-1. First division titles came again in 1929 and 1930 and their last FA Cup win in 1935 when they beat West Bromwich Albion by 4-2.

In the 1950's Wednesday came to be known as the yo-yo team as they were relegated to the second division 3 times and promoted to the first on 4 occasions. The 1950's was certainly an eventful spell for Wednesday, the most notorious incident being the loss to football of Derek Dooley, a prolific goalscorer and Sheffield lad who was the crowd's favourite at the time. He suffered a broken leg in a game at Preston and when gangrene set in, his life was in danger. Surgeons were forced to amputate his leg to save his life. A tragic loss to football and to the club.

Wednesday finally resumed top division status through the 1960's reaching the FA Cup final in 1966 when, despite leading 2-0 at one stage, went on to lose 3-2 to Everton.

Earlier in that decade, the club was rocked by the bribery scandal when the People newspaper revealed that 3 Wednesday players had been bribed to throw a game in December 1962 against Ipswich Town. Wednesday lost the game 2-0 and although the same newspaper awarded Tony Kay man-of-the-match for that game, he was one of a trio of players to be found guilty of the charges. He, David 'Bronco' Layne and England centre half Peter Swan were given prison sentences for their parts in the scandal.

Wednesday were relegated in 1970 after a last match defeat at home to Manchester City. The club then went through several managerial changes involving Danny Williams, Derek Dooley, Steve Borthenshaw and Len Ashurst before finding themselves in division 3. The man to change their fortunes was Jack Charlton who turned the club around and achieved promotion in 1980.

At one stage, neighbours Sheffield United were also in division 3 and the 2 meetings that season drew attendances of 45,156 at Bramall Lane and a record 3rd division crowd at Hillsborough of 49,309. The Hillsborough game was played on Boxing Day and has come into folklore to be known as the Boxing Day Massacre as Wednesday won 4-0.

Charlton stayed with the club for 5 years but could not get Wednesday out of the second division. Howard Wilkinson, a former Wednesday winger, took over and achieved promotion in 1984. Wilkinson achieved moderate success but, upset at the club's lack of ambition, he moved on to Leeds United. Wednesday temporarily installed Peter Eustace but his brief spell was a disaster for the club and Ron Atkinson was brought in to restore the club's fortunes.

Unfortunately, a freak combination of results saw Wednesday relegated in 1990 but the core of players that Atkinson had built up, stuck with the club and 1990/91 was one of the most enjoyable seasons that Wednesday has ever had. They achieved promotion that year and won their first major silverware for over 50 years when they beat first division Manchester United 1-0 in the Wembley final of the Rumbelows League Cup. Scorer that day was John Sheridan.

Atkinson shocked Wednesday soon after their successes that season by joining Aston Villa and Wednesday appointed winger and former England star Trevor Francis to take over as player manager. Francis brought in some excellent players in his time (Chris Waddle and Des Walker included) but he was blamed for ruining Atkinson's team and the club began to decline again. Francis did get Wednesday to 4 Wembley appearances in 1993. They played an FA Cup semi final there against Sheffield United winning 2-1. The final against Arsenal was a 1-1 draw but Wednesday lost the replay 2-1 in the last minute of extra time. It was Arsenal who also beat Wednesday in the final of the League Cup that same season.

Wednesday's most famous fan 'Tango', who became well known in the 90's, is pictured on the right. Francis was sacked and replaced by David Pleat but the decline continued and Pleat was also sacked in November 1997 with Wednesday in the relegation mire. Ron Atkinson was brought back for his second spell at the club. Season 97/98 saw Wednesday escape the relegation threat that looked inevitable at one stage. However, the century ended on a downer for the Owls as they were relegated at the end of 99/2000 from the Premier League to join neighbours United and Barnsley in the First division.

The Owls began the century with financial constraints and some big wage earners on the books who were not contributing to the team, chiefly because of long term injuries. Management changes have seen the departure of Danny Wilson, Paul Jewell, Peter Shreeves and Terry Yorath in quick succession.

2003 - The club was relegated to the Second Division following a long spell of poor results. This follows three years of relegation battles to avoid the drop.

2005 - The club were promoted to the Championship following a play-off win in Cardiff.

SHEFFIELD In town today **Wednesday**

David Lucas

David made a permanent switch to Hillsborough in May 2004 having impressed during two loan spells with Wednesday in 2003-04.

The stopper was a consistent figure between the sticks during the 18 games he played in while on loan to the Owls, prompting Chris Turner to move quickly to snap him up from Preston North End soon after the close of 2003-04.

Lucas made exactly 150 appearances for the Lilywhites - his hometown club - and also had loan stints at Darlington and Scunthorpe United early in his career.

A former England youth international, the 26-year-old is an accomplished shot-shopper who excels in one-on-one situations. He marshalls his area in confident fashion, handles cross expertly and his 6'2" frame makes him an imposing figure between the sticks.



Steve Adams

Steve linked up with Paul Sturrock once more when the former Plymouth Argyle boss returned to Home Park to capture Adams' services in March 2005. The 24-year-old signed a deal which will keep him at Hillsborough until 2007 after moving to Hillsborough for an undisclosed fee.

He made his debut as a substitute at Colchester United before starting for the first time against Torquay United on Easter Saturday. He started the last eight games of the season despite suffering from a hernia but, as Wednesday won all three of their play-off games to clinch promotion, Adams appeared only as a late substitute in the second leg of the semi-final with Brentford.



The defensive midfielder is adept at breaking up attacks thanks to his ball-winning tackles and ability to read opposition passes. Plymouth-born, he came through the Pilgrims' ranks to make his debut in 1998 and went on to make 176 appearances, scoring seven goals. He was a vital member of the Argyle sides that won both the Third Division Championship in 2001-02 and the Division Two title in 2003-04.

Chris Brunt

Chris joined Wednesday from Middlesbrough in March 2004 and got his Owls career off to a stunning start, netting with a superb 25-yard free-kick just seven minutes into his full debut against Brighton and Hove Albion.

The Northern Ireland international was the man most employed in the left wing role during 2004-05 and, although he had to endure occasional spells out of the side, he took his tally to seven Owls goals in 58 appearances.

Although Brunt was in the first starting line-up of the season, his opening goal of the campaign came from the substitutes' bench against Oldham Athletic in August. He also struck with a superb free-kick in Paul Sturrock's first match in charge at Wrexham, netted in the impressive 4-1 win at Bristol City in November and scored from the penalty spot against Tranmere Rovers in April.

His final strike of five over the season came in the second leg of the play-off semi-final at Brentford, when he came off the bench to fire home a deflected free-kick to put the Owls into a convincing lead.

The Ulsterman moved to Hillsborough after almost three years in Middlesbrough's academy, having also been on Glasgow Rangers' books as a schoolboy. Able to operate either in the centre of the park or as a wideman on the left flank, his lethal left foot poses a major threat when taking aim from distance and he also has a wide range of pinpoint passing in his armoury.

VIEW FROM THE Bench

Good evening and welcome to our first pre-season friendly game against Sheffield Wednesday. On behalf of everyone at Stocksbridge I would like to congratulate Wednesday on their achievement of gaining promotion back to Division One, or The Championship, as it is now called. As a life-long Wednesdayite I travelled down to Cardiff and have to say it was one of the best footballing days out I have ever had. I attended all the Wembley matches in the early nineties and apart from the Sheffield United semi-final I place it above the others in terms of atmosphere and excitement. At last Wednesday are heading in the right direction and under the guidance of Paul Sturrock I believe a Premiership return could become reality within five years.

Tonights game is obviously going to be very difficult as it is very early in our own pre-season preparations. We have been back only a couple of weeks and, due to holidays and such, some players have only trained a couple of times. However, it is a good opportunity to get an early ninety minutes under our belts and for us to have a look at one or two players and I am looking forward to the game.

We have a few new signings making their debuts tonight with Ben Walker, Simon Brown, Steve Gaughan and Anthony Tansley all in tonight's squad. Andy Smith and Andy Ring are on holiday at the moment and of course Steff Zoll is away until early September.

Enjoy the game,

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Rinky with new signings Anthony Tansley (left) & Ben Walker

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DATE	TEAM	VENUE	F	A	ATT
21/6/04	KENDAL TOWN	AWAY	2	3	189
24/8/04	ILKESTON TOWN	HOME	2	2	211
28/8/04	GRESLEY ROVERS	AWAY	0	1	308
30/8/04	NORTH FERRIBY UTD	HOME	0	1	141
4/9/04	SKELMERSDALE UTD	AWAY	1	1	122
7/9/04	SKELMERSDALE UTD	HOME	0	2	123
11/9/04	WILLENHALL TOWN	HOME	1	0	111
13/9/04	KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	AWAY	1	0	148
18/9/04	ROSSENDALE	AWAY	3	2	109
21/9/04	EASTWOOD TOWN	HOME	2	0	141
25/9/04	AFC TELFORD UNITED	AWAY	3	1	1460
29/9/04	BELPER TOWN	AWAY	4	3	153
2/10/04	WARRINGTON TOWN	HOME	2	1	138
5/10/04	BRODSWORTH (SSC)	AWAY	1	0	85
9/10/04	CHORLEY FAT	HOME	3	2	108
12/10/04	CLITHEROE	HOME	1	0	189
16/10/04	COLWYN BAY	AWAY	2	0	201
19/10/04	SPALDING UNITED	AWAY	3	2	129
23/10/04	WOODLEY SPORTS	AWAY	3	4	109
26/10/04	OSSETT TOWN ULC	HOME	0	2	107
30/10/04	KENDAL TOWN	HOME	1	2	163
6/11/04	RADCLIFFE BOR	AWAY	1	4	196
13/11/04	SHEPshed DYNAMO	HOME	1	2	158
20/11/04	CHORLEY	AWAY	1	0	180
23/11/04	SPALDING UNITED	HOME	0	0	132
27/11/04	WARRINGTON TOWN	AWAY	1	1	115
4/12/04	ROCESTER	HOME	2	0	152
11/12/04	WILLENHALL TOWN	AWAY	1	1	146
18/12/04	COLWYN BAY	HOME	2	1	89
3/1/05	OSSETT ALBION	HOME	2	2	230
15/1/05	MOSSLEY	HOME	1	5	259
26/1/05	AFC TELFORD UNITED	AWAY	1	2	904
29/1/05	CHORLEY	HOME	0	0	179
5/2/05	BRIGG	AWAY	0	1	215
12/2/05	AFC TELFORD UNITED	HOME	1	2	338
19/2/05	ILKESTON TOWN	AWAY	1	2	401
8/3/05	SHEFFIELD	HOME	1	2	112
12/3/05	GRESLEY ROVERS	HOME	2	1	182
16/3/05	OSSETT ALBION	AWAY	0	1	139
19/3/05	CLITHEROE	AWAY	0	2	181
25/3/05	EASTWOOD TOWN	AWAY	2	2	233
28/3/05	WOODLEY SPORTS	HOME	2	3	162
31/3/05	MOSSLEY	AWAY	0	2	188
2/4/05	N. FERRIBY UTD	AWAY	0	1	119
5/4/05	COLWYN BAY	HOME	0	1	111
9/4/05	KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	HOME	0	0	146
16/4/05	BRIGG TOWN	HOME	2	3	183
19/4/05	ROCESTER	AWAY	4	0	88
23/4/05	SHEPshed DYNAMO	AWAY	1	1	147
26/4/05	BELPER TOWN	HOME	3	1	161
30/4/05	ROSSENDALE UNITED	HOME	3	0	191

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Ferriby Utd	42	25	8	9	83	49	83
Ilkeston Town	42	24	9	9	64	41	81
AFC Telford Utd	42	23	11	8	78	44	80
Willenhall Town	42	22	12	8	71	45	78
Kendal Town	42	21	8	13	89	69	71
Eastwood Town	42	20	9	13	72	54	69
Mossley	42	20	6	16	81	56	66
Brigg Town	42	15	19	8	59	46	64
Gresley Rovers	42	17	12	13	57	53	63
Kidsgrove Athletic	42	15	14	13	59	55	59
Woodley Sports	42	16	11	15	68	74	59
Ossett Albion	42	15	13	14	83	74	58
Colwyn Bay	42	14	13	15	54	62	55
Stocksbridge R.S	42	15	9	18	58	58	51
Chorley	42	14	8	20	62	68	50
Shepshed Dynamo	42	13	11	18	53	75	50
Belper Town	42	13	8	21	57	66	47
Spalding United	42	13	8	21	57	69	47
Clitheroe	42	12	10	20	47	57	46
Warrington Town	42	11	13	18	45	58	46
Rossendale United	42	10	10	22	64	87	40
Rochester	42	0	6	36	31	132	6

Scorers 2004/2005

NAME	LEAGUE	FAC	FAT	UCC	SSC	TOTAL
Hannah R	11	-	2	-	1	14
Ring A	9	-	-	-	1	10
Bullimore W.	9	-	-	-	-	9
Bray. D.	5	-	2	-	1	8
Schofield D	7	-	-	-	1	8
Zoll S.	5	-	-	-	-	5
Smith C.	2	-	-	1	-	3
Middleton G.	3	-	-	-	-	3
Goddard	2	-	-	-	-	2
Byrne R	-	-	-	-	2	2
Riley A	1	1	-	-	-	2
Richards D	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hawes S.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bates S.	1	-	-	1	-	1
Richards I	-	-	-	1	-	1
Robinson C	-	-	-	-	-	1
Blythen M	1	-	-	-	-	1

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